

Handout 4 - The Binomial Theorem and Pascal's Triangle

1. Expand $(a + b)^4$.

$$a^4 + 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 + 4ab^3 + b^4$$

6. Find the 5th term of $(x - y)^8$.

$$70x^4y^4$$

2. Expand $(m + 4n)^5$.

$$m^5 + 20m^4n + 160m^3n^2 + 640m^2n^3 + 1280mn^4 + 1024n^5$$

7. Find the 3rd term of $(x - y)^{15}$.

$$105x^{13}y^2$$

3. Expand $(5c - b^2)^4$.

$$625c^4 - 500c^3b^2 + 150c^2b^4 - 20cb^6 + b^8$$

8. Find the 4th term of $(x - y)^7$.

$$-35x^4y^3$$

4. Expand $(1 - y^2)^6$.

$$1 - 6y^2 + 15y^4 - 20y^6 + 15y^8 - 6y^{10} + y^{12}$$

9. Find the 2nd term of $(x - y)^9$.

$$-9x^8y$$

5. Find the 6th term of $(x - y)^8$.

$$-56x^3y^5$$

10. Find the 10th term of $(x - y)^{10}$.

$$-10xy^9$$